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ASIDE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided any central assistance to the States for developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities(ASIDE) Scheme;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Governments for allocation of funds under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, till date;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and

(e) the total funds provided to the States during the said period, State-wise; sector-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)& (b) Department of Commerce is operating Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) scheme with the objective to involve the States in their export effort by providing incentive-linked assistance to the State Governments for creating appropriate infrastructure for the development and growth of exports. The outlay of this scheme has two components. 80% of the funds (State Component) are earmarked for allocation to the States on the basis of their share in total exports from the country and the growth in exports over the previous year. The balance 20% (Central Component), and amounts equivalent to un-utilised portion of the funds allocated to the States in the past year(s), if any, is retained at the central level for meeting the requirements of inter-state projects, capital outlays of SEZs, activities relating to promotion of exports from the North Eastern Region etc. State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) under Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the State approves the project to be taken under State Component of the Scheme as per approved purposes of the scheme.

(c)to(e) Under the scheme, allocation to states is made by Department of Commerce on the basis of an allocation criteria and funds are not released sector-wise. Details of funds allocated and released state-wise is Annexed.